

Appendix J. Survey of Borough residents

As a result of public meetings held in the Borough in October 2003, the Department decided to conduct a survey of Borough residents to determine their support for the bridge and the various options, and to assess current travel patterns. Between January 2 and January 5, 2004, 172 households in King Salmon and Naknek were surveyed by telephone. Respondents were selected through a combination of random-digit-dial methodology and an Internet phone directory number search. Thirty-five households out of 36 households in South Naknek responded to a written survey distributed by the South Naknek Tribal Council in February, 2004. This appendix contains the results of the surveys. At a public meeting in March 2004 it was requested that we provide information on support for the bridge by community. Figure 2 through Figure 4 summarize the information on residents' support for the various scenario/options.

Respondents were asked if they support or oppose the construction of a bridge over the Naknek River under the following conditions:

- 1) Unconditionally
- 2) If South Naknek Airport was closed
- 3) If Naknek Airport was closed
- 4) If both South Naknek and Naknek Airports were closed
- 5) If both airports remained open but Bristol Bay Borough provided maintenance and operation costs (respondents were provided an estimate of this amount)

Local residents generally support the bridge, with lesser support if individual airports are closed or the Bristol Bay Borough operates the airports. Only when both airports are closed does public support fall below 50 percent for the Borough as a whole. South Naknek residents support the bridge under any option.

Following the graphics for each community is the information from the telephone survey in King Salmon and Naknek, followed by information on the survey in South Naknek.

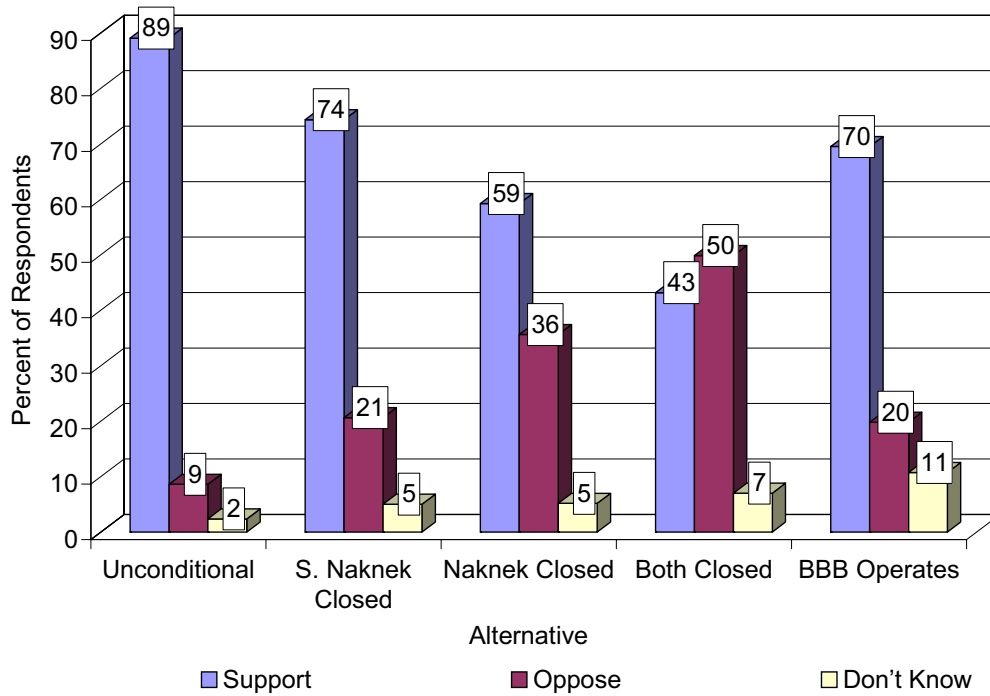


Figure 1. Borough residents support or oppose a bridge if...

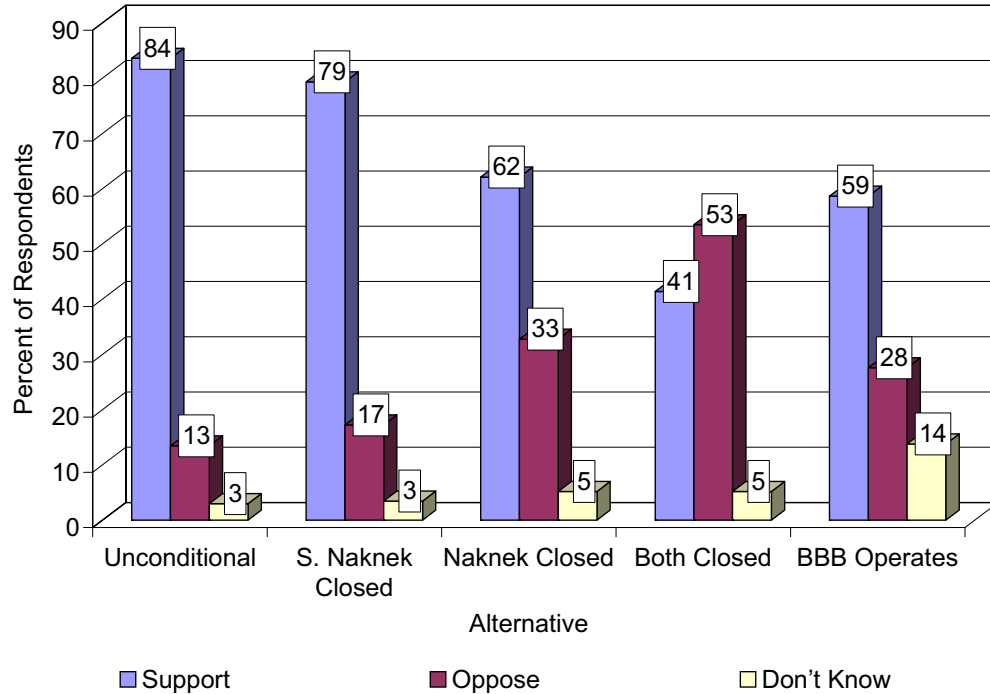


Figure 2. King Salmon residents support or oppose a bridge if...

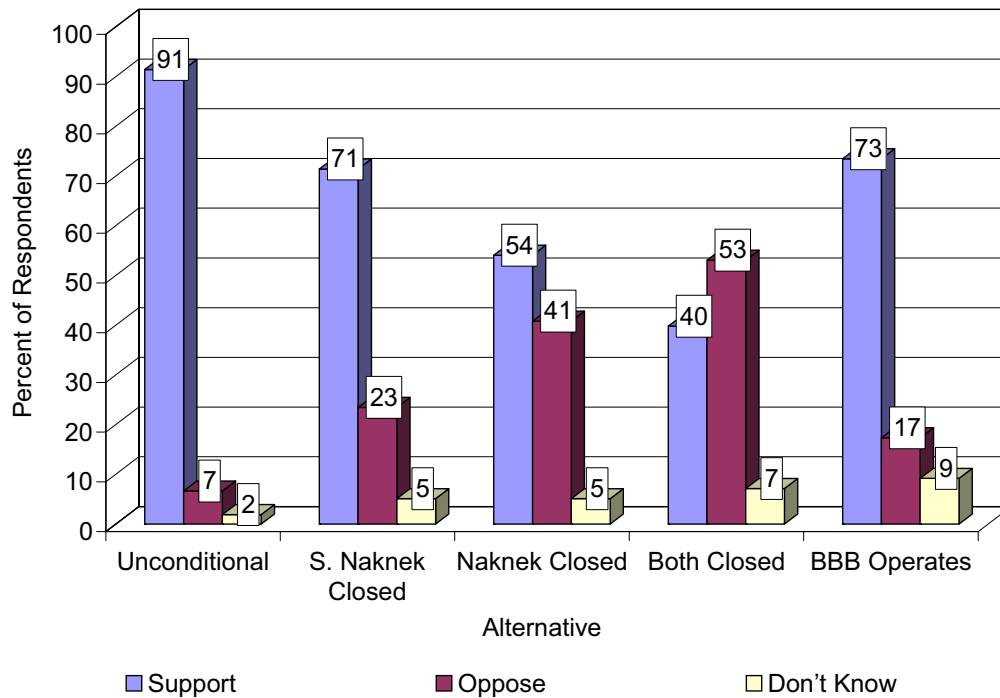


Figure 3. Naknek Residents support or oppose a bridge if...

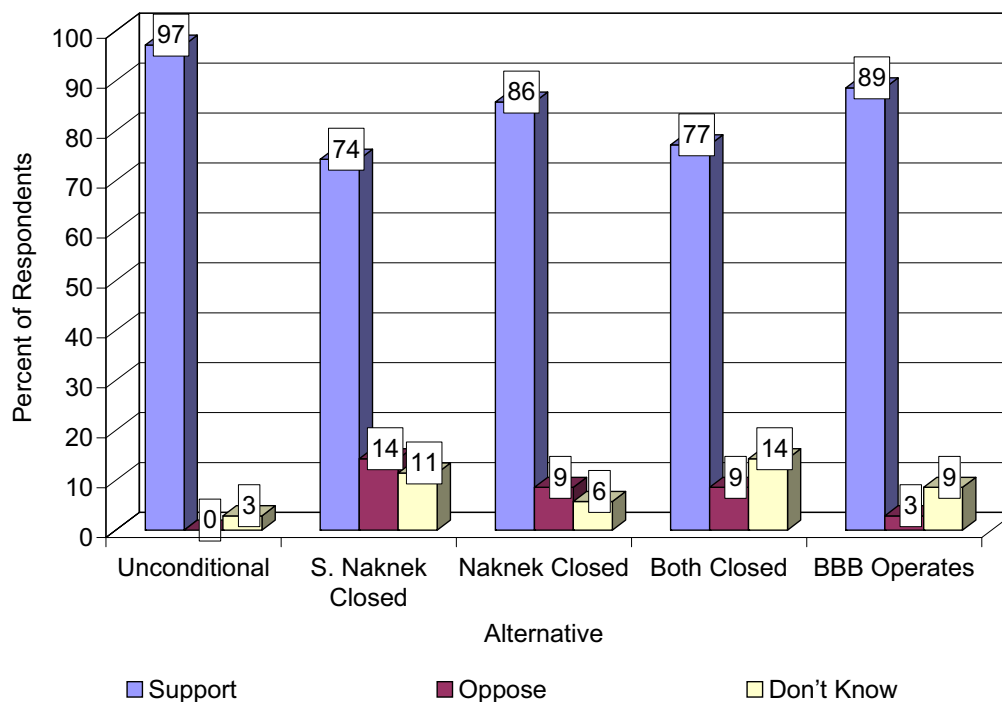


Figure 4. South Naknek residents support or oppose a bridge if...

